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SUBJ: GREKOV APPARENTLY LEAVES THE MOSCOW CITY PARTY COMMITTEE

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED CONFIRMATION FROM THE BRITISH EMBASSY THAT SOVIET RADIO ANNOUNCED ON JULY 13 THE ELECTION OF L. I. GREKOV AS SECOND SECRETARY OF THE UZBEK CP, REPLACING V.G. LOMONOSOV, WHO HAS RECENTLY APPOINTED TO THE LONG VACANT POST OF CHAIRMAN OF THE USSR STATE COMMITTEE FOR LABOR AND WAGES. NEITHER WE NOR THE BRITISH HAVE SEEN REFERENCE TO THIS CHANGE IN THE SOVIET PRESS.

2. COMMENT. THE INTERESTING ASPECT OF THIS PERSONNEL SHIFT LIES IN THE FACT THAT ACCORDING TO A RECENT REPORT, V.V. GRISHIN, THE NOMINAL BOSS OF THE MOSCOW CITY PARTY ORGANIZATION, HAD LATELY BEEN DEVOTING MORE AND MORE TIME TO NATIONAL PARTY AFFAIRS AND LEAVING THE ACTUAL WORK OF RUNNING THE MOSCOW PARTY COMMITTEE TO GREKOV. GREKOV'S DEPARTURE FROM MOSCOW, THEREFORE, COULD REPRESENT A SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT IN PARTY CADRE POLICY AND CONCEIVABLY THE INITIAL PERSONNEL SHIFT IN A LARGER RESHUFFLE. OUR BIOGRAPHIC FILES DO NOT CONTAIN SUFFICIENT DATA ON GREKOV, HOWEVER, TO LINK HIM WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ANY MAJOR FIGURE OR POLICY. NOR IS THERE ANY INDICA-

TION AS YET AS TO THE IDENTITY OF GREKOV'S REPLACEMENT
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